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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(E)

It is respectfully requested that the published art listed on the attached form, PTO-1449, be considered for making of record in the above-entitled application. A copy of the U.S. published patent application and international published art is enclosed.

Applicant notes that an Official Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorized the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fee(s) necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 08-1800.

In citing the above mentioned published art, no representation is made or intended that better published art than that listed is not available or that other prior art is not applicable.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this paper or the present application, Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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